You, therefore...

I. Be <u>Strong</u> (v 1)

[endynamoō] - empowered

- A. In the **gospel** (of Christ Jesus)
- B. Through **grace**
- II. <u>Teach</u> (v 2)
 - A. The **gospel**
 - B. Others
 - 1. Faithful
 - 2. Able to teach
- III: Endure hardship (v 3-6)
 - A. As a **soldier**
 - 1. Entanglements
 - 2. Focus
 - B. As an **athlete**
 - 1. Discipline
 - 2. Rules
 - 1. Godliness (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

- C. As a **farmer** (James 5:7)
- D. For others (v 10)
 - 1. Salvation
 - 2. Eternal **glory**
- IV. Trust **God** (v 7, 9b)
- V. Motivation (Psalm 106:19-21)

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- VI. A **trustworthy** statement (vv 11-13)
 - A. Die live (Mark 8:35, Romans 6:8-11)
 - B. Endure reign
 - C. Deny denied (Matthew 10:33)
 - D. Faithless faithful (John 10:27-29)

He cannot deny Himself

...for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. (v 7b)

The life of a disciple of Jesus runs contrary to the way of this world. If you are not convinced just look at the cross.

Next week: 2 Timothy 2:14-19